

HA-1949
Forest Hill Historic District
Harford County, Maryland

Continuation Sheet 7.2
Description

store, usually more, which sometimes housed a post office or served as the train depot for the Ma and Pa Railroad until a station was construction. The village served as a market center for the general area.

The original mercantile business at Forest Hill was established by John D. Roe prior to the Civil War. After returning to Forest Hill from serving in the Union forces, Eli Tucker formed a partnership with Mr. Roe and business expanded. Later Eugene Tucker became head of the firm of E. Tucker and Company. Under his guidance this became one of the largest mercantile concerns in rural Maryland. In 1914 the frame store building burned, and the business was relocated to the brick building (Kleins Store, HA-1273) sold to Mr. Klein in 1948, which is now the location of the Agricultural Extension Service.

Of the twelve or so businesses which existed in Forest Hill in the mid-twentieth century only four of the functions that were traditionally served are currently carried out (but as new operations and in new structures): the Chevron Gas Station in the northeast quadrant of MD 24 and Old Jarrettsville Road, Forest Hill Bank in the southwest quadrant, plus the Centre United Methodist Church (1905) north of the gas station, and the post office, located in a south (new) wing of Kleins Store.

Typical dwellings in the village, mostly dating to the early decades of the twentieth century, include a wide range of vernacular forms, none of which are outstanding examples of any particular style, but which collectively create pleasing and coherent streetscapes. The buildings are situated with generally uniform setbacks from the road, with mature vegetation. Few if any period outbuildings remain.

There are three previously identified resources which are already included on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties: Klein's Store (HA-1273)), a 1914 brick store greatly expanded, altered and currently used for offices of the Agricultural Research Service; the Forest Hill Railroad Station (HA 1272), currently used for offices; and the site of the Forest Friends Meeting House, (Quaker Meeting House) (HA-1215). The Meeting House is no longer extant, but the site is marked by the burial ground, currently included in the Friends Community County Park.

HA-1215

Forest Friends Meeting House Site (Quaker Meeting House Site)

Forest Hill

Jarrettsville Quad

Harford County

